



# Laconia, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Belknap**  
**Laconia NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1 (All Wards)**  
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**District 7 (All Wards)**  
**Belknap County Districts 3, 9 (All Wards)**

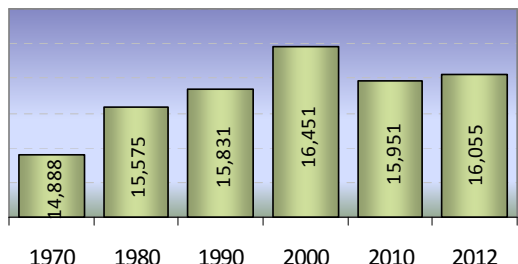
**Incorporated:** 1855

**Origin:** The name Laconia was first used in documents granting the land between the Merrimack and Sagadahock Rivers to Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Some documents call the grant the Province of Maine, others call it the Province of Laconia, named after a region of Greece. In the 1620s explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known as the Laconia Adventurers. The town was originally a portion of Meredith and Gilford named Meredith Bridge, and was incorporated as Laconia in 1855. Incorporated as a city in 1893, Laconia includes Weirs Beach, which bears the name of primitive fishing devices discovered at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee.



**Villages and Place Names:** Lakeport, Weirs Beach

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,806 residents in 1860



**Population Trends:** Population change for Laconia totaled 767 over 52 years, from 15,288 in 1960 to 16,055 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a five percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2012 Census estimate for Laconia was 16,055 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 795.3 persons per square mile of land area. Laconia contains 20.1 square miles of land area and 6.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Manager & Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012-2013		\$60,410,233	
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Zoning Ordinance		1948/07	
Master Plan		2007	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		City Planner	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Assessors; Building Code; Housing; Parks & Recreation; Putnam Fund; Trust Funds; Water; Personnel		
Public Library	Laconia Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia		Local	88
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		PSNH; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Laconia Water Works	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.00	
2012 Equalization Ratio		100.0	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.68	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		16.6%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Total Housing Units		9,679	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		5,324	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		1,892	
Five or More Units in Structure		1,966	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		497	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2012	16,055		60,327
2010	15,951		60,088
2000	16,451		56,576
1990	15,831		49,294
1980	15,575		42,884
1970	14,888		32,367
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011			
Population by Gender			
Male	7,620	Female	8,499
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			664
Age 5 to 19			2,705
Age 20 to 34			2,978
Age 35 to 54			4,701
Age 55 to 64			2,338
Age 65 and over			2,733
Median Age			43.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			86.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			22.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Per capita income			\$27,711
Median 4-person family income			\$65,460
Median household income			\$48,517
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$43,798
Female			\$32,141
Families below the poverty level			8.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2002		2012
Civilian labor force	8,623		7,955
Employed	8,268		7,484
Unemployed	355		471
Unemployment rate	4.1%		5.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002		2012
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	2,508		1,661
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 729		\$ 934
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	6,747		6,581
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 549		\$ 762
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,255		8,242
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 598		\$ 796
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,539		1,300
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 654		\$ 803
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	10,794		9,542
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 606		\$ 797
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**Schools students attend: **Laconia operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 30**Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Agricultural Programs, Tilton**Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>965</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>224</b>

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **14** Total Capacity: **836**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks	620	1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings	478	1968
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies	130	1956
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating	70	1957
Wilcom Products, Inc	Telecommunications test equipment		
Lakes Region General Hospital	Medical care services		

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>106, 107, 11, 11A, 11B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 20</b>	
Distance	<b>8 miles</b>	

Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>
Public Transportation	<b>WTS</b>

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,286 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>50 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	<b>45 miles</b>
Portland, Maine	<b>89 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.	<b>95 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>300 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>237 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>83.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>3.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>18.8 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence	<b>80.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>18.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>1.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**Other: **Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center; Laconia Motorcycle Week**